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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) C. Cooley (PTO) (3) _____
(2) C. Clark (App Rep) (4) _____

Date of Interview

Jan 2, 2004Type: ☐ Telephonic ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description: _____Agreement ☒ was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question. ☐ was not reached.

Claims discussed:

all pending claims

Identification of prior art discussed:

art of record, particularly McFarland, Crippa, Onishi, Raccuglia et al., & Li

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

A proposed amendment was discussed. A supplemental oath & a consent of assignee will be filed. Claims 32, 35, & 38 are allowable over prior art in view of arguments during interview which will be filed (claim 35 - equivalency; clm 38 - locking plate). Claim 43 will be further amended to define over prior art. A formal amdt will be filed which

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☐ 1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph below has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW (e.g., items 1-7 on the reverse side of this form). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, then applicant is given one month from this interview date to provide a statement of the substance of the interview.

☐ 2. Since the examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the substance of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

would appear to place application in condition for allowance.

Examiner's Signature

Charles Cooley